



South Coast Air Quality Management District

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Consultation Meetings For Strategic Alliance Initiatives:



Initiative #1

**Modernization of Emission
Reduction Credit System**

Initiative #5

3-Year Research Plan

**April 17, 2002 -- 4:00 p.m. ❖ Anaheim Council Chambers, City Hall
200 S. Anaheim Blvd.
Anaheim, CA 92805
714) 765-5162**

**April 18, 2002 -- 1:00 p.m. ❖ South Coast Air Quality Management District
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**April 22, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. ❖ San Bernardino City Council Chambers
300 N. “D” Street
San Bernardino, CA 92418
909) 826-5122**

Purpose of the Meeting

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has scheduled consultation meetings to discuss and receive public input on the development of two of the AQMD's Strategic Alliance Initiatives. These initiatives are:

Initiative #1-- Modernization of the Emission Reduction Credit System

Initiative #5—3-Year Research Plan

Background

At the January 11, 2002, Governing Board meeting, Chairman Norma Glover introduced a series of eight Strategic Alliance Initiatives.

Taken together, the initiatives are designed to pursue strategic alliances to emphasize that federal policies must better support the regions with the dirtiest air and federal funding must better serve areas of high population exposure. The Chairman's Strategic Alliance Initiatives can be reviewed on the AQMD website, www.aqmd.gov, by clicking on the News and Information hyperlink.

The AQMD has established working groups for Initiatives #1 and #5 comprised of representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board, business, environmental and community groups. Consultation meetings were held in March for Initiative #1.

Objectives

Initiative #1 – ERC Modernization

The objective is to ensure economic growth in the region is not restricted by low availability and high costs of emission reduction credits (ERCs), while also ensuring progress towards air quality goals. To meet the objective, the AQMD is preparing a white paper that sets forth proposals to enhance the generation and optimize the use of ERCs while incentivizing new clean technologies.

Participants will be encouraged to identify potential enhancements to the current emission reduction credit program in order to meet the goals of this initiative.

Staff is seeking public input on key issues associated with the white paper such as:

- *Emission reduction sources for credit generation*
- *Alternatives to enhance and optimize generation and use of ERCs*

Initiative #5 – 3-Year Research Plan

The objective is to prioritize research efforts to support the development of regulatory programs, enhancements to current monitoring and compliance programs, and health impacts such as air toxic exposure studies.

Staff is seeking public input on recommendations to prioritize the following:

- *Identifying short- and long-term research needs*
- *Budgetary needs to attain enhanced research advancements*

To Submit Documents or Comments

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the consultation meetings. Submit comments, documents, or other information relevant to Initiative #1 by April 26, 2002:

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Submit comments, documents, or other information relevant to Initiative #5 by May 1, 2002 to:

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